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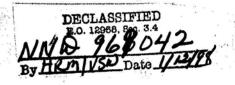
SUBJECT: JANUARY 3 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTOR

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1 • I MET WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO IN HIS KARACHI RESIDENCE AT 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME • THE CONVERSATION WHICH ENSUED LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES • AMONG OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED WAS THE AFORESAID SUBJECT • SEPTELS FOLLOW •

2. WITH ALL THE CARE BEFITTING THE MATTER, I ENUNCIATED THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS AND POINTS MADE IN PARAS 2, 3 AND 4 OF REFTEL. PRESIDENT BHUTTO EXPRESSED HIS FULL APRRECTATION FOR THE POINTS MADE AND INDICATED COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING. HIS ONE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF THAT TO WHICH WE WERE SPEAKING, WAS HIS EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD USE ALL OF ITS INFLUENCE IN EVERY POSSIBLE AREA "TO HELP GET OUR MEN BACK FROM EAST PAKISTAN." I TOLD HIM I WOULD ADVISE MY GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY OF HIS REQUEST BUT OF HIS GREAT CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF HIS COUNTRYMEN.

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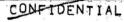
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3. PERTAINING TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTEL, I TOLD PRESIDENT
BHUTTO THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATIONS TO
BEGIN WITH THE GOP FOR A NEW PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT,
AND SPELLED OUT THAT WHICH WAS INVOLVED BOTH IN FOOD AND IN
VALUE. I WENT ON TO STATE THAT THIS ACTION WAS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF
USGES AWARENESS OF THE FOOD REQUIREMENTS NOW OF MOMENT
TO WEST PAKESTAN, AND ALSO A CONCRETE INDICATION OF USGES
DESIRE TO ASSIST GOP ON ITS ROAD BACK TO RECOVERY FROM THE
TRAGIC EVENTS RECENTLY TRANSPERED. PRESIDENT BHUTTO
EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THIS ACTION,
INDICATING THAT IT REFLECTED PRECISELY NOT ONLY WHAT I HAD
SAID, BUT IN ADDITION INDICATED A MAJOR STEP TOWARD THE
RETURN TO NORMALCY. HE ADDED THAT, AS HE HAD HERETOFORE
INFORMED ME AND AS HE HAD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED, HE WAS
LOOKING TOWARD A "NEW ERA IN US-PAK RELATIONSHIP."

4. SAYING THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF MY COMMENTS WAS SUCH THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THEREOF, HE ASKED THAT THE DCM IN ISLAMABAD CONTACT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SULTAN KHAN AND CONVEY THE GIST OF THIS MESSAGE TO HIM ALSO. DCM TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TO DO SO. LUPPI

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